RAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAM BHAI PATEL): (a) As per the results of the 43rd Round (1987-88) of National Sample Survey Organisation, the total number of persons below the poverty line at the all India level covering both Rural and Urban Sectors were estimated to be 2376.9 lacs. Out of this 18.2 lacs were in the State of Haryana. Similar estimates are not available for latter years. Through various poverty alleviation programmes both in the rural as well as in urban areas, the Government of India is making concerted efforts to help the poor people to cross the poverty line.

(b) and (c) To assess the impact of various poverty alleviation programmes, the Ministry of Rural Development undertakes Concurrent Evaluation studies from time to time by associating independent and reputed Institutions all over the country. The 4th Round of Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was conducted from September, 1992-August, 1993 and similarly 2nd Round Concurrent Evaluation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was undertaken from June, 1993-May, 1994. These evaluation studies are carried out in all Districts in the country in randomly selected blocks and villages through detailed questionnaires which have a bearing on the impact of Rural Development Programmes. On the basis of the findings of these evaluation studies, necessary corrective measures are applied to improve the implementation of the programme.

Release of funds under MPs local area development scheme

443. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have released the money for the implementation of M.Ps.' Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, when and how much funds have been released;

(c) whether the funds released by Government of India have been provided to State Government; if so, name of States which have not received these funds;

(d) whether the above money/funds released through the State headquarters or the District Collectors;

(e) whether the money did not reach the Districts well in time, if so, will it be possible to spend to these funds within the current financial year; and

(f) if not, what are the arrangements made to prevent lapsing of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A sum of Rs. 739 crores has been released so far. This includes Rs. 532 crores released for the Lok Sabha members and Rs. 207 crore to the districts which have been chosen by the Rajya Sabha members. Thirty two Rajya Sabha members have not given their choice.

(c) and (d) The funds have been released to the District Collectors directly.

(e) and (f) As provided in the guidelines, the District Collectors have to implement the scheme in the remaining months of the current year. Necessary instructions in this regard have already bee issued. Funds already released would not lapse.

स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के अधीन बजट में प्रावधान की गयी धनराशि

444. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के बजट में प्रत्येक संसद सदस्य को उनके अपने-अपने